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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER
OF HEALTH FOR 1942.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

I herewith submit my Annual Report for the year 1942, and take this opportunity of thanking the Council and the staff for their kind co-operation during my term of office.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J.F. DAWSON.

Medical Officer of Health.

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Medical Officer of Health :	J.F.DAWSON, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.
Senior Sanitary Inspector :	A.CROSS, Cert. R.S.I.
Housing Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector :	L.J.GODDEN.

IMPROVEMENTS
AMBULANCE FACILITIES.
NURSING IN THE HOME.
HOSPITALS - Isolation.
AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS.

Facilities available under the above headings have not changed since 1941.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

The general conditions under which milk was produced in the district were disgraceful. The Council are to be complimented on the action they are taking in an endeavour to bring cowkeepers up to the standard of hygiene demanded by the Milk and Dairies Order.

With such a large district and such a large number of producers it is not an easy task and I trust that their efforts together with that of their Sanitary Inspector and Medical Officer of Health will be sustained until a clean supply of milk is made available.

Realising that it is a matter of public health importance the Council have also taken a strong line with regard to the prevention of spread of bovine tuberculosis by infected milk. It is to be hoped that the whole-hearted support and co-operation of the Ministry will be forthcoming.

SEWERAGE DISPOSAL.

The system of disposal of sewage at Littleport was found to be inadequate. An up to date system of sewage disposal for the town is in my opinion, essential.

WATER SUPPLY.

The supply of water has been satisfactory. During the year samples were taken periodically and submitted for examination. The reports have been satisfactory.

HOUSING.

The Council are urged to give immediate consideration to this problem with a view to post war planning.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Herewith (Page 3) is a table setting out the occurrence of infectious diseases as notified to me during 1942. There was no major epidemic.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

33.17% of the children between 1 and 5 years have now been immunised against Diphtheria and 85.04% of the school going children. The figures are encouraging but they are not high enough. The campaign against this disease should continue and the services of local practitioners should be enlisted to carry out the work.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING 1942.

Disease	No. of Cases.	Age Groups.												Deaths.
		Under 1	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 65	65 & over	
Scarlet Fever	6					1	3	2						
Diphtheria	6				1		2	1		2				
Pneumonia	3												3	
Puerperal Fever														
Erysipelas	1												1	
Cerebrospinal Fever	1												1	
Enteric Fever Acute Poliomyelitis														
Chicken Pox	2					2								
Whooping Cough	29	2	2	4	1	1	15	3	1					
Measles	3						3							



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